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SENATE BILL 997

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

RICHARD M ROMERO

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; CREATING A FRAMEWORK FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY; AMENDING SECTION 22-1-6 NMSA 1978 (BEING LAWS 1989, CHAPTER 308, SECTION 1, AS AMENDED); MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 22-1-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1989, Chapter 308, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-1-6. ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT REQUIRED. --

A. ~~[Each]~~ School ~~[district]~~ districts shall be required to publish an annual school district accountability report to provide district-wide data for the previous school year. The state board shall establish the format for the accountability reports and ensure that the relevant data is

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1 provided to parents, students, educators, policymakers,  
2 legislators and business and economic development organizations.

3 ~~[The school district shall send to the state superintendent the~~  
4 ~~required data with the year-end reports prior to August 15 each~~  
5 ~~year. The state superintendent shall compile the district~~  
6 ~~reports data and send a draft compilation report to the~~  
7 ~~districts by October 15 each year and send a final compilation~~  
8 ~~state report to the governor and legislature prior to November~~  
9 ~~15 each year]~~ The department of education shall establish the  
10 following five indices through which public school performance  
11 shall be measured:

12 (1) student achievement as measured by a  
13 nationally norm-referenced test approved by the state board or  
14 through a performance-based instrument to measure proficiency;

15 (2) school safety;

16 (3) the drop-out rate;

17 (4) attendance; and

18 (5) parent and community involvement.

19 The department of education shall establish the methodology  
20 for measuring each of the five indices.

21 B. ~~[The accountability report shall include a brief~~  
22 ~~statement of the mission of the local school board, enrollment~~  
23 ~~statistics, total expenditures per pupil for the school year,~~  
24 ~~administrative expenditures per student for the school year, the~~  
25 ~~average teacher salary, a summary of student scores on all~~

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1 ~~state mandated tests and college entrance exam scores, including~~  
2 ~~the norm base year; the number of New Mexico scholars eligible~~  
3 ~~for and receiving scholarships; the percentage of the graduating~~  
4 ~~high school class applying for entrance into a four year post-~~  
5 ~~secondary institution; the percentage of seniors beginning the~~  
6 ~~year who graduate; the percentage of ninth graders, plus any~~  
7 ~~newcomers entering during grades nine through twelve, who~~  
8 ~~graduate; the percentage of full time equivalent students~~  
9 ~~participating in bilingual programs, chapter I programs, special~~  
10 ~~education programs and other federally funded programs, with the~~  
11 ~~percentage of the district budget attributable to each program;~~  
12 ~~the percentage of the district budget utilized to employ~~  
13 ~~certified teachers, administrators, support personnel and non-~~  
14 ~~certified classified personnel; the number of students enrolled~~  
15 ~~in advanced placement courses; a concise annual budget report,~~  
16 ~~including revenue and expense data; budget funding sources; the~~  
17 ~~student drop out rate; continual student progress follow up~~  
18 ~~study; a statement of school district goals for the upcoming~~  
19 ~~year; an invitation to all citizens to participate in school~~  
20 ~~planning and school activities; and other data and information~~  
21 ~~that clearly communicates the activities and progress of the~~  
22 ~~school district to the residents of that school district. The~~  
23 ~~published accountability report shall compare district, state~~  
24 ~~and national data whenever appropriate and shall include the~~  
25 ~~rank of the school district among all of the school districts in~~

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1 ~~the state, for all state-mandated tests and college exam scores,~~  
2 ~~graduation percentages, drop-out rate, per-student~~  
3 ~~administration expenditure, total per-student expenditure and~~  
4 ~~average teacher salary data. The published report shall use~~  
5 ~~tables and graphs to better communicate complex information and,~~  
6 ~~using the ranking data, shall include a graphic representation~~  
7 ~~of the school district's progress over the preceding three~~  
8 years] School districts shall set one-, three- and five-year  
9 benchmarks in each of the five indices for each public school.  
10 Local school boards may establish additional indices, if  
11 reviewed by the department of education, through which to  
12 measure the school district's performance in other areas.

13 C. The annual accountability report shall also  
14 include the results of a survey of parents' views of the quality  
15 of their children's school. The survey shall be conducted each  
16 year in time to include the results in the annual accountability  
17 report. The survey shall compile the results of a written  
18 questionnaire that shall be sent home with the students to be  
19 given to their parents. The survey may be completed  
20 anonymously. The survey shall be no more than one page, shall  
21 be clearly and concisely written and shall include not more than  
22 twenty questions that shall be answered with options of a simple  
23 sliding scale ranging from "strongly agree" to "strongly  
24 disagree" and shall include the optional response "don't know".  
25 The survey shall also include a request for optional written

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1 comments, which may be written on the back of the questionnaire  
2 form. The questionnaire shall include questions in the  
3 following areas:

- 4 (1) parent-teacher-school relationship and  
5 communication;
- 6 (2) quality of educational and extracurricular  
7 programs;
- 8 (3) instructional practices and techniques;
- 9 (4) resources;
- 10 (5) school personnel, including the school  
11 principal; and
- 12 (6) parents' view of teaching staff  
13 expectations for the students.

14 The state board shall develop no more than ten of the  
15 questions [~~which shall be reviewed by the legislative education~~  
16 ~~study committee prior to implementation~~]. No more than five  
17 questions shall be developed by the local school board and no  
18 more than five questions shall be developed by the staffs of  
19 each individual school site, provided that at least half of  
20 those questions are developed by teachers rather than  
21 administrators, in order to gather information that is specific  
22 to the particular community surveyed. The questionnaires shall  
23 indicate the public school site and shall be tabulated by the  
24 department of education within thirty days of receipt.

25 D. The annual accountability report for each school

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1 district shall be adopted by the local school board and shall be  
2 published no later than November 15 of each year and shall be  
3 published at least once each school year in a newspaper of  
4 general circulation in the county where the school district is  
5 located. In publication, the report shall be titled "the school  
6 district report card".

7 E. The department of education shall create an  
8 accountability data system through which data from each public  
9 school and each school district may be compiled and reviewed.  
10 The department of education shall provide the resources to train  
11 school district personnel in the use of the accountability data  
12 system.

13 F. The department of education shall verify data  
14 submitted by the school districts.

15 G. The department of education shall provide  
16 adequate support staff to execute the requirements of this  
17 section.

18 H. The state board shall establish different levels  
19 of accreditation through which the performance of every public  
20 school in New Mexico shall be measured. Public schools  
21 achieving the highest level of accreditation shall be eligible  
22 for supplemental incentive funding. The state board shall  
23 establish the corrective actions and interventions necessary for  
24 public schools whose accreditation level is low."

25 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Five hundred thousand dollars

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1 (\$500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the state  
2 department of public education for expenditure in fiscal years  
3 1998 and 1999 for the purpose of funding the cost of  
4 accountability reports. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance  
5 remaining at the end of fiscal year 1999 shall revert to the  
6 general fund.

7 Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the  
8 provisions of this act is July 1, 1998.

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7 Mr. President:  
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9 Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred  
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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
14 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the  
15 FINANCE COMMITTEE.  
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17 Respectfully submitted,  
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22 Cynthia Nava, Chairman  
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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: 0

Excused: Boitano, Duran, Gorham, Maloof

Absent: None

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Ben D. Altamirano, Chairman

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Yes: 6

No: None

Excused: Aragon, Altamirano, Carraro, Lyons, McKibben

Absent: None

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B. ~~[The accountability report shall include a brief statement of the mission of the local school board, enrollment statistics, total expenditures per pupil for the school year, administrative expenditures per student for the school year, the average teacher salary, a summary of student scores on all state mandated tests and college entrance exam scores, including the norm base year; the number of New Mexico scholars eligible for and receiving scholarships; the percentage of the graduating~~

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1 ~~high school class applying for entrance into a four-year post-~~  
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15 level of performance shall be eligible for supplemental incentive  
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19 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the  
20 provisions of this act is July 1, 1998.

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**State of New Mexico  
House of Representatives**

**FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION, 1997**

**March 17, 1997**

**Mr. Speaker:**

**Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred**

**SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
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**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Samuel F. Vigil, Chairman**

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The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

Yes: 8

Excused: Beam, Miera, Nicely, Trujillo, S.M Williams

Absent: None

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